

BOARD OF HEALTH.

1920.

C.S.

No. 857

Clerk to the Bd: Health.

SUBJECT.

1920

18th November.

Previous Paper.

Enquiry by Board of Health as to whether the Building Bye-laws framed under Section 18 of the Public Health Ordinance, 1894 refer only to new buildings or whether they are applicable to all buildings in Stanley.

MINUTES.

H. E. (1)

Submitted.
G.H. 18
 for C.S.
 19/11/20.

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Ex. Co. as soon as possible.

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W.H.
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1920

Extract from minutes of meeting of the Ex. Co: 13th December

"The Council agreed that the bye-laws referred distinctly to new buildings and additions to existing buildings only but that the Board were empowered by the Ordinance of 1894 to rescind or amend these bye-laws if they considered they were justified in so doing"

G.H. 18
 Clerk of the Council.

Subsequent Paper:

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

The Public Health Ordinance, 1894.

Building Bye-laws framed under section 18 of Ordinance No. 5 of 1894.

1. In these bye-laws the expression "Board of Health" means the Board of Health for East Falkland Island.
2. These bye-laws apply to the town of Stanley only, that is to say, to any land or districts situate on the South side of the Harbour and within two miles of the Cathedral.
3. The plans, particulars, and statement, relating to any new building, required to be submitted to the Board of Health, before the erection of any such building shall be commenced, under bye-law No. 2 of the Board of Health Bye-laws of the 18th September, 1894,* shall be in accordance with the requirements of these bye-laws, and no new building shall be erected except in conformity with these bye-laws.
4. The site of the intended building shall be dug out to such depth as shall be necessary, in the opinion of the Board of Health, for the removal therefrom of soil, or peat.
5. The space between the foundation and the joists shall not be less than 1 foot high, and shall be efficiently ventilated by the insertion of air bricks or gratings in the outer wall.
6. Every new building shall have gutters or spouts along the eaves thereof, with down spouts.
7. The backyard of every new building shall be provided with a pathway extending along and adjacent to the back of the premises, and such pathway shall be constructed of flat brick laid in cement, of rubble and cement, or of other approved material. The width of such pathway shall not be less than 4 feet, and shall slope $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to the foot from the building.
8. The house drain shall be constructed of flags laid in cement, or of channels, or other approved material, with sufficient fall, and provided with a grating where the drain leaves the premises.
9. An ash-pit shall be provided, with a removable cover. Every ash-pit shall be constructed of metal, stones, or bricks, bound together by mortar or cement, and shall be of such cubic capacity as will suffice to hold ten days accumulation of rubbish. No ash-pit shall be of less than 6 cubic feet capacity.
10. All barrels, cisterns and tanks, for holding water, or water for domestic purposes must be furnished with a good and sufficient cover.
11. The closet shall be provided with a movable metal receptacle or pail of a pattern to be approved by the Board of Health.
12. The floor beneath the seat of the closet shall be paved with flat brick laid in cement or with rubble and cement, and shall slope backwards half an inch to the foot. The floor itself may be similarly paved.
13. The seat or sides of every such closet shall be so constructed as to admit of the removal of the pail or other receptacle.
- ✕ 14. Every pail closet shall be at least 6 feet distant from the dwelling house.
15. Every closet shall be provided with a box containing peat, coom, or other deodorant, and also with a trowel, or other approved appliance.
16. Every closet shall have a window opening direct into the external air, not less than 1 foot by 1 foot, exclusive of frame.
17. When a chimney is built against the gable of a wooden house, the back of every such chimney shall be built of 9 inch brickwork from the foundations out; the remaining sides may be of $4\frac{1}{2}$ inch bricks, except where the chimney passes through the roof, where it shall be of 9 inch brickwork.
18. Every habitable room shall have at least one window opening direct into the external air, and half at least shall be made to open.
19. Where there is no fireplace or chimney, suitable ventilating apertures having a total sectional area of 50 square inches, shall be provided, in addition to the window.
20. Any person failing to comply with any of the provisions of these bye-laws shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding the sum of two pounds for each offence, and in the case of a continuing offence a further penalty not exceeding five shillings for each day after written notice of the said offence from the Board of Health.
21. These bye-laws apply to proposed additions to existing buildings.

Made by the Board of Health this 1st day of May, 1908.

E. T. BORN,
President.

Approved by the Governor in Council this 11th day of May, 1908.

T. L. KEEN,
Acting Clerk to the Executive Council.

M.P. 143/1908.

* Before the erection of any new building shall be commenced plans of the same shall be submitted to the Board of Health with particulars as to water-closets, earth-closets, ash-pits and cesspools, together with a statement of the proposed drainage. Before any alteration contemplated to be made with regard to any of the subjects of which the particulars are as above required shall be commenced, the alteration so proposed must have been sanctioned by the Board of Health.

BOARD OF HEALTH,

STANLEY.

18th November, 1920.

Sir,

I am instructed by the Board of Health to ask you to be good enough to lay the following matter before His Excellency the Administrator.

2. Doubt has arisen as to whether the Building Bye-laws framed under section 18 of the Public Health Ordinance 1894, and approved by the Governor in Council on 11th May 1908, refer only to new buildings and additions made to existing buildings since the passing of these bye-laws, or whether they are applicable to all buildings in Stanley.

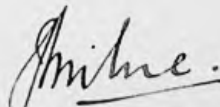
3. The question is one of considerable importance to the Board in view of the fact that the Board is endeavouring to have all earth closets at present inside, or joined to, various buildings in Stanley, removed to the distance stated in these bye-laws, viz. "at least six feet distant from the dwelling house".

4. The Board will therefore be glad to have His Excellency's ruling on the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Ag. Clerk to the Board.

HON. COLONIAL SECRETARY,
STANLEY.

857/20.

14th December

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Sir,

I am directed by the Administrator to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th November, requesting the ruling of His Excellency in the matter of the interpretation of the Building Bye-laws of the 11th May, 1908, framed under Section 18 of the Public Health Ordinance, 1894.

2. In reply, I am to inform you that these Bye-laws distinctly refer to new buildings and proposed additions to existing buildings. The Board of Health, however, is empowered by the Public Health Ordinance of 1894 to rescind or amend these bye-laws if they consider they are justified in so doing.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



for Colonial Secretary.

The Clerk to the Board of Health,

Stanley.